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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: